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August 16th 1864

Dear Mother,

I had just got my self seated this morning ~~to~~ at the University Hospital to write you a letter, but before I had hardly commenced I got orders to get ready to go to the Regiment. I was ~~send~~ sent here to wait for transportation. How long I shall have to stay here do not know, we may go tomorrow and we may have to wait two weeks. I hope we will not have to wait long for it is not very pleasant to lay about these Presses.

You ask in your last letter how my cough got along. I have been well of that for some time and I am in very good health at present. I have had the rheumatism in my hip for about a week but have got better. I was so that it was quite hard for me to get about.

Well I have no time to write any more as the mail will go in a little while.

From your Affct. Son,

John Brand

John F. Brand

[Addressed to]

J. F. Brand

Co. [?] 114 Regt. N. Y. S. V.

Washington D. C.

[The following includes various hand writings, "doodles," numbers, and names. Transcribed below are what was legible or otherwise seemed pertinent]

Cara Brand

What is the age of a man 3 score and 3 years old. Ans: 65 years

September 2 1864

Ellen Brand, Leonard

Nell Brand

Sarah Babcock

[?] Nellie & Carp

Harrison Brand

Henry Nathan Brand

[?] Brand

J. F Brand

Washington S. Green, Saginaw

Alfred Jefferson